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SUBJECT: QUEBEC POLL SAYS MAJORITY DO NOT WANT SOVEREIGNTY-
ASSOCIATION

REF: MONTREAL 463

1. SUMMARY: SECOND INSTALLMENT OF IQOP POLL (REFTEL) SHOWS
MORE THAN TWO-TO-ONE QUEBECKERS AGAINST "SOVEREIGNTY-ASSOCIATION,"
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MORE POPULAR THAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, AND
FEDERAL LIBERALS CAN ANTICIPATE PROSPECTIVE LANDSLIDE IN QUEBEC
IN NATIONAL ELECTION. END SUMMARY.

2. POLLSTERS CLAIM ATTEMPT TO MAKE SOVEREIGNTY-ASSOCIATION
QUESTION AS NEAR REALITY AS POSSIBLE: "IF A REFERENDUM TOOK
PLACE TOMORROW IN QUEBEC TO PROPOSE SOVEREIGNTY-ASSOCIATION,
THAT IS TO SAY POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF QUEBEC AND AN ECONOMIC
ASSOCIATION WITH THE REST OF CANADA, WOULD YOU PERSONALLY VOTE
'YES' OR 'NO' TO SOVEREIGNTY-ASSOCIATION?" RESPONSES ARE BROKEN
DOWN BY AGE GROUPS, LANGUAGE, AND PROVINCIAL REGIONS IN
FOLLOWING TABLES.

TOTAL 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-PLUS

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(N-714) (N-113) (N-209) (N-157) (N-98) (N-74) (N-63)

YES 24.8 31.0 35.4 22.3 13.3 14.9 14.3

NO 58.3 61.9 50.7 58.0 65.0 60.8 63.5

NO OPINION 16.9 7.1 13.9 19.7 21.7 24.3 22.2

TOTAL 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0

FRENCH ENGLISH MONTREAL QUEBEC REST OF THE PROVINCE

(N-593) (N-121) (N-387) (N-129) (N-198)

YEST	58.0	9.0	21.4	31.0	27.3
NO	54.6	76.0	61.0	54.3	55.6
NO OPINION	17.4	15.0	17.6	14.7	17.2
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.0

COMMENT: THE "FOR" AND "AGAINST" FIGURES ARE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENCE FROM THOSE IN THE PINARD-HAMILTON POLL OF OCTOBER 1977 (77 QUEBEC 436), BUT THE MOVEMENT FROM "UNDECIDED" TO "AGAINST" (TWO PERCENT IN EACH CASE) DEMONSTRATES THE DIFFICULTY IN SELLING THIS AMBIGUOUS PROPOSITION. IT PROBABLY ALSO REFLECTS THE GROWING CONCERN, BASED ON PERFORMANCE TO DATE, THAT THE PQ GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT IMPROVE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS EVEN WITH SOVEREIGNTY.

3. RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONS ON FEDERAL ELECTIONS SHOWED LIBERAL PARTY WELL AHEAD IRRESPECTIVE OF PROVINCIAL POLITICAL TIES OR OTHER FACTORS AS FOLLOWING TABLES INDICATE:

	PQ (N-191)	PLQ (N-199)	UN (N-73)
LIBERAL	39.5	84.9	45.2
PC	15.2	6.5	31.5
NPD	13.6	1.0	5.5
CS	6.8	1.5	5.5

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NO VOTE

& NO OPINION	24.9	6.1	12.3
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0

	TOTAL (N-714)	18-24 (N-113)	25-34 (N-209)	35-44 (N-157)	45-54 (N-98)	55-64 (N-74)	65-PLUS (N-63)
LIBERAL	50.4	52.2	51.2	51.0	43.9	48.6	55.6
PC	11.3	14.2	13.4	9.6	7.1	10.8	11.1
NPD	5.6	6.2	8.1	7.6	1.0	4.1	---
CS	5.3	4.4	3.3	6.4	11.2	5.4	1.6

(SAME TABLE CONTINUED)

FRENCH ENGLISH MONTREAL QUEBEC PROVINCE

(N-593) (N-121) (N-387) (N-129) (N-198)

LIBERAL	49.6	54.5	50.4	51.9	49.5
PC	10.5	15.7	9.3	13.2	14.1
NPD	5.7	5.0	5.9	3.9	6.1
CS	6.4	---	2.6	10.1	7.6

TOTAL PROPORTIONAL
(N-714) DISTRIBUTION

LIBERAL	50.4	68.2
PC	11.3	15.3
NPD	5.6	7.6
CS	5.3	7.2
OTHERS	1.3	1.7
NO OPINION	26.1	---
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

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COMMENT: THESE RESULTS ARE NOT SO SURPRISING AS MIGHT BE ASSUMED. IT IS CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IN THIS PROVINCE THAT QUEBECKERS HAVE NO IDEOLOGICAL PROBLEM IN VOTING ONE WAY IN A PROVINCIAL ELECTION AND ANOTHER IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS -- AND THE PROVINCE IS TRADITIONALLY LIBERAL FEDERALLY. IT IS WORTH NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIBERAL SUPPORT IS RELATIVELY CONSTANT HOWEVER IT IS VROKEN DOWN (AGE, LOCATION, OR, ACCORDING ACCOMPANYING TEXT, SEX), WHICH SUGGEST THERE WILL BE NO LAST MINUTE" SURPRISES." IT IS ALSO SOMEWHAT SURPRISING THAT ONLY 25 PERCENT OF PEQUISTES INDICATE THEY WILL NOT VOTE, OR WILL NOT SAY HOW, IN VIEW TEN-YEAR CONSISTENT PARTY POSITION THAT FEDERAL ELECTION IS OF N INTEREST TO ITS MEMBERS. WHETHER THIS DUE GREATER PARTY INDISCIPLINE OR GREATER HONESTY IS ARGUABLE.

4. PREVIOUS REPORTING FROM QUEBEC AND MONTREAL HAS INDICATED THAT HONEYMOON OF NEW GOQ COMING TO AN END AND THAT OFF-LOADING OF PROVINCIAL PROBLEMS ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LESS SALEABLE THAN A YEAR AGO. FOLLOWING TABLE ILLUSTRATES

AND SUPPORTS THIS THESIS:

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(N-714) (N-714)

SATISFACTION

TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT 58.4 44.9

DISSATISFACTION

TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT 35.1 46.4

NO OPINION 65. 8.7

TOTAL 100.0 100.0

5. FINAL TABLE AGAIN REFLECTS SAME EVENNESS OF VIEWS RE
FEDERAL LIBERALS SHOWN IN PARA 3:

REST OF THE

FRENCH ENGLISH MONTREAL QUEBEC PROVINCE

(N-593) (N-121) (N-387) (N-129) (N-198)

SATISFIED WITH

THE TRUDEAU GOVT 57.8 61.0 60.0 55.8 57.0

DISSATISFIED WITH

THE TRUDEAU GOVT 35.2 33.9 33.8 35.6 36.8

NO OPINION 7.0 5.1 6.2 8.4 6.2

TOTAL 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0

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